(106) BLESSING OF FIELDS, MEADOWS, AND PASTURES

Let us pray:
O God, from whom every good has its beginning and from whom it receives its increase, hear our prayers, we implore, that what we begin for thy honor and glory, may be brought by the gift of thine eternal wisdom to a happy ending. Through Christ our Lord.
. Amen.

Let us pray:
God of mercy and of strength, who didst confer on thy priests above all others so great a grace that whatever they do worthily and perfectly in thy name, is, as it were, done by thee, we beseech thy boundless goodness, that whatever we presume to visit, may be visited by thee, and whatever we presume to bless, may be blessed by thee. Stretch out thy hand of might over what we are about to do, and at our lowly coming, through the merits and prayers of thy saints expel the devil and let thine angels preside. Through Christ our Lord.
. Amen.

Here all kneel for the
LITANY OF SAINTS

(After the versicle for brethren, relatives, and benefactors there is inserted . . .)

. That thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless these fields, meadows, and pastures.
. We beseech thee, hear us.

. That thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless and consecrate these fields, meadows, and pastures.
. We beseech thee, hear us.
. That thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless , consecrate , and protect from evil infection these fields . . . . We beseech thee, hear us.

. That thou wouldst vouchsafe mercifully to ward off and dispel from this place all lightning, hail-storms, injurious tempests, and harmful floods.
. We beseech thee, hear us.

(The Litany is resumed)